

The Yawgoog Story

Volume III

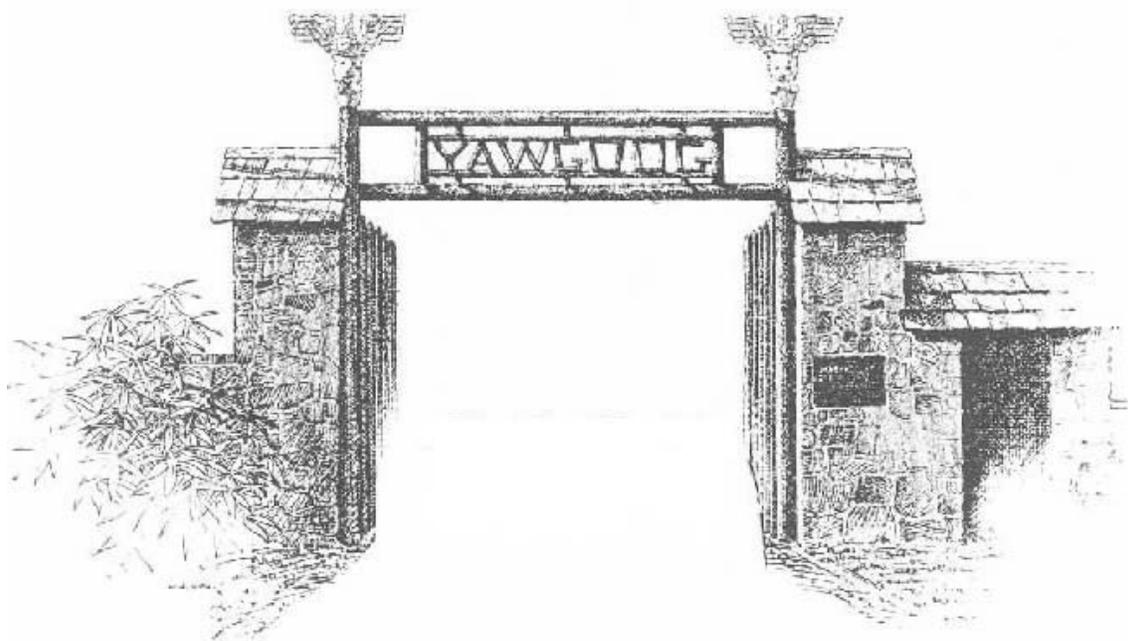
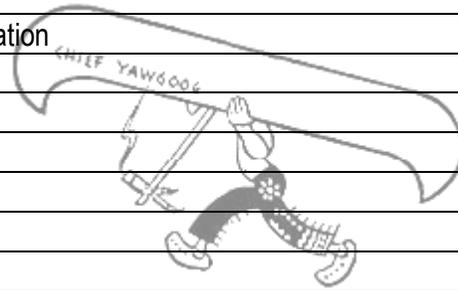


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David S. Anderson

Camp Yawgoog is a special place and its history is a terrific story! As I introduce this, the third volume of the “Yawgoog Story” I want to thank Matt Lutynski for all his efforts and salute the Yawgoog Alumni Association for their dedication to camp.

This year we celebrated our 92nd consecutive summer season at Yawgoog. For the past nine decades – through forest fires, hurricanes, a worldwide depression, two world wars, and many other earth shaking events – Yawgoog and indeed, the Scouting program, have persevered.....and prospered.

There are very few organizations that can claim such a long and successful history. With that in mind, you have to wonder what makes Yawgoog different – why, after 90 years are we still going strong? I believe that the secret behind Yawgoog’s success is that the core values upon which the program is based have remained constant for the past ninety years. While we’ve added new activities and programs over the years to keep up with the changing times, we’ve remained true to our core values.

Today, we’re doing the same things at Yawgoog as we did back when we opened in 1916. We’re helping Scouts build self-esteem and self-confidence by learning new skills. We’re teaching them how to get along with, and lead others, by working as part of a patrol. We’re teaching Scouts to be good citizens, to help and respect other people, to do their Duty to God and to be true to themselves.

Our core values – the values found in the Scout Oath and Law – have served Yawgoog well through the decades and that’s why we’re still here after 90 years and will be for at least 90 more!

Now, please enjoy reading the latest chapter in the still unfolding “Yawgoog Story”!

David S. Anderson
Scout Executive

Forward

The gates of Yawgoog have long greeted eager scouts. Looking back over the first 90 years of the camp’s operation, there have been many changes. What began as a row of tents on the old Palmer Farm has grown into one of the oldest scout camps in the nation (now hosting approximately 7,000 scouts each summer on its 1,800 acres).

It is important to remember, however that while the buildings and programs that we now recognize as “Yawgoog” have changed through time, the one constant that has kept generations of youth coming back year after year is the “Yawgoog Spirit.” For those of us who have camped at Yawgoog, we know that the spirit at camp is the indescribable sense of adventure, friendship, brotherhood and camaraderie that even Donald North must have felt making that trip down to Rockville in 1916.

This edition will look at the years leading up to Yawgoog’s 90th Anniversary. It is with a sense of nostalgia for the camp’s past and excitement for its future that I have the privilege to help compile the Yawgoog Story – Volume III.

Matthew L. Lutynski
Yawgoog 1991-2000

Camp Tradition / *Yawgoog Spirit*

A large part of *Yawgoog Spirit* is based upon the camp's heritage. In the first volume of the [Yawgoog Story](#), J. Harold Williams listed the following "attitudes and customs that have come to be part of the Yawgoog scene and which have helped to make that *Yawgoog Spirit*."

1. The Scout Law is the law of the camp.
2. 'Finish Hard' is our motto. Put your best into every endeavor and get the job done.
3. Say 'Good Morning' each day with a smile.
4. Have Fun – make your chores into games.
5. Praise publicly; censure privately.
6. Build up the other fellow.
7. Come to Camp as a Troop, with your own Scoutmaster.
8. Never lose sight of the individual in the crowd.
9. Give every new camper a special welcome and special help to get started.
10. Give the veterans the privilege of rolling their shorts; have the 'rookies' wear theirs long, so we will know the boys to help.
11. Fold those neckerchiefs neatly; never wear them like shawls.
12. Give a cheer when your hike leaves camp and another cheer when you return – no matter how tired you may be.
13. When passing through the Memorial Arch, Salute the memory of Captain George Bucklin.
14. At noon, when the Memorial Bell Tower rings; stop; stand still; bow your head and 'Remember Scouts who died for God and Country.'
15. Earn a 'Totin' Chip' so that you will be worthy to carry your axe or wear your sheath knife, for Yawgoog is where the 'Totin' Chip' idea began.
16. Make every stranger and every visitor feel welcome at Yawgoog.
17. Keep Sunday as Yawgoog's greatest day – with religious services, programs for Visitors and the climax of the Dress Parade and Awards.
18. When you hear Church Call blown by the bugler after Taps, remember that 'A Scout is Reverent' and that 'Prayer Time' has come.



Many of the same "attitudes and customs" J. Harold Williams observed during his tenure at camp are still in practice today. Scouts continue to pause at noon for the tolling of the Memorial Bell and to salute the memory of Capt. Bucklin when passing through the Memorial Arch. More than what can be seen or heard, *Yawgoog Spirit* is also an attitude that finds its way to all areas of camp. It can be found in the instruction of a merit badge class, a smile during the evening campfire or the enthusiasm of a cheer on one of the trails. From the smallest "Good Turn" to the grandest Sunday Dress Parade, *Yawgoog Spirit* is all around. It is what makes Yawgoog stand out from anywhere else in the world.



THE PEOPLE

COUNCIL LEADERSHIP AND RESERVATION DIRECTORS - Clearly every group must have its leader. Over the years, the torch has been passed to these Council Scout Executives and Reservation Directors: ²



Donald North

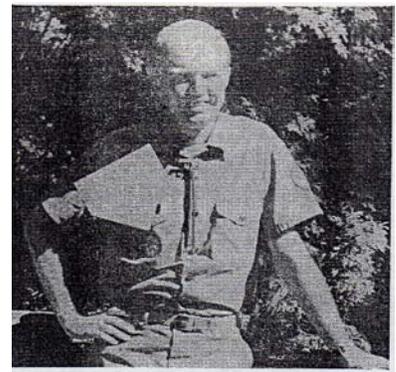
<i>Scout Executive</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Reservation Director</i>
Donald North	1916-1917	Raymond W. Seamans
Raymond W. Seamans	1918	Raymond W. Seamans
J. Harold Williams	1919-1950	J. Harold Williams
J. Harold Williams	1950-1961	H. Cushman Anthony
Robert F. Parkinson	1962-1968	H. Cushman Anthony
Robert F. Parkinson	1969-1970	Donald Fowler
Robert F. Parkinson	1971-1973	Philip Tracy
Vincent N. Borrelli	1974-1980	Philip Tracy
Vincent N. Borrelli	1980-1986	Albert E. Mink
Vincent N. Borrelli	1987-1988	William J. Burns, III
Vincent N. Borrelli	1989-1990	Paul Boisvert
Roy L. Williams	1991	Paul Boisvert
Roy L. Williams	1992-1993	Paul Bernetsky
Lyle K. Antonides	1993-1994	Paul Bernetsky
Lyle K. Antonides	1995-1997	A. Richard Greene
Lyle K. Antonides	1998-1999	Gary Savignano
David S. Anderson	2000-	Thomas J. Sisson



J. Harold Williams



H. Cushman "Gus" Anthony



Donald Fowler



Philip Tracy



Albert Mink



Thomas J. Sisson

OTHER KEY STAFFS

ASSISTANT RESERVATION DIRECTORS

What would a Reservation Director be without his Assistant(s)? A complete list of ARD's was not available for print. Here is a sampling of the Assistant Reservation Directors through the years: Albert Murray, John Stein, Donald Fowler, Philip Tracey, George Egan.....this brief list fails to mention all of the ARD's over the years and by no means implies that other Assistants were less noteworthy. Unfortunately a list such as this does not do a justice to the amount of time and effort these individuals have given to Yawgoog.

RANGERS

The ranger staff has always been an integral part of successful camp operation. In the early days, names such as the Taylor Family, William "Bill" Barber, Clinton Lakey "Inkey" Armstrong, David and Roger Kenyon, George Parkhurst and George Watson come to the forefront. More recently, Hank Handle, Quentin Walsh, the Wilcox Brothers, Charlie Smith, Steve Milner, who also worked at Buck Hill. [1978]), Clem Gormley (1986-1995), Justin Lee (who began around 1995 in the CIT Corps), John Vuono (who began around 1995-1996 and spent 3-4 summers in Food Service), Michael Ford, Mike Cryan, JP Olivier and the newest member, Bobby Cole (2004), have tirelessly worked to maintain and improve areas of camp under the leadership of Al Gunther and Paul Forbes.

Albert H. Gunther – At age 15 (in 1945), Al began camping at Yawgoog with Troop 4 Cranston. He started working at camp in 1947 in the kitchen and then later as Assistant Provisional Camp Scoutmaster.

Al served in the military during the Korean War and then took a job at Narragansett Electric Company. In 1958 and 1959, he returned to camp as a Scoutmaster for his troop. On February 13, 1959, J. Harold Williams hired Al as Head Ranger.

During Al's thirty-six-and-a-half year tenure at camp, some of the great projects included the complete refurbishments of the Bucklin Memorial Building and the three Dining Halls as a result of the Golden Jubilee Fund in 1960. Other Golden Jubilee projects included rebuilding of the three kitchens, beaches, roads, fields and the addition of seven new campsites.



Al Gunther

Mention of the Yawgoog Fire Department would not be complete without the name Al Gunther. Al was Fire Chief from 1959 to 1995. At the time of his retirement in 1995, Al held the record for the longest tenure of any Fire Chief in the State of Rhode Island. Al was directly responsible for saving at least two lives, but he is more often remembered for resuscitating a horse that had been overcome with smoke in a barn fire. Word of the rescue even reached "Chief Williams" by newspaper while he was in Boston for a conference. ⁵



Ted Williams

Baseball great, Ted Williams, came to Yawgoog during the summer of 1962. Scouts lined up to meet the Red Sox slugger. Afterwards, Williams asked “Gus” Anthony who took such great care of the campgrounds. Being very impressed with the camp’s appearance, Williams then offered Al a job in nearby Taunton, MA and in Florida at his homes. Thankfully, Al stayed at Yawgoog.

Ted Williams wasn’t the only celebrity to visit Yawgoog Scout Reservation. Champion Boxer, Archie Moore, was a great advocate for Scouting. When Moore came to camp, he would push Al’s son, Jeffrey, along in a carriage while walking the trails.

Al enjoyed spending time with his father at camp. They fished and would spend time at Ashaway (though Al likes every place at camp near the pond or on the beach).

In the early 1970’s, Al bought some land in Hope Valley from fellow ranger, Dave Kenyon. He lives there now with his wife, Diane. Al and Diane have three children, Linda, Kenny and Jeffrey. For Al’s many years of service and dedication to Yawgoog, the new Medicine Bow Waterfront Cabin in 1994 was named in his honor. His last day of work at camp was in March of 1995.



Archie Moore

Paul Forbes – Paul began camping at Yawgoog in 1966 as a scout with Troop 1 Narragansett, RI. Around the time he turned twenty-two (1978), Paul joined the ranger staff at camp. In 1995, Paul became the Head Ranger and reservation superintendent.

During the “off-seasons,” he and the other rangers prepped the camp by building dining hall benches, bunks, tent platforms, and picnic tables (among other projects). Once the troops came and camp was in session, the focus of work shifted around making the necessary repairs to keep the programs and campsites running up to standard by working on projects as they turned up. Paul described how this current system of ranger staff operation came about in 1997 when the Reservation Director became a year-round position (a change that Paul credits to Vincent DiPippo). Further collaboration with Reservation Director, Thomas Sisson, around the turn of the century helped to assure continued improvements throughout camp.

During Paul’s tenure, special funding was allocated from Council in the form of The Champlin Foundations to aide in projects around camp. With the inception of the Yawgoog Alumni Association in the early 1980’s there was additional funding for even more projects. Some of these improvements included: 21 new composting latrines, refurbishment of the Bucklin Memorial Building and East and West Cabins, 3 new waterfront cabins, a new roof to the Medicine Bow Dining Hall, new kitchens at each of the three camps, a new ranger house by 1990, and a leach field in Sandy Beach (1999-2000). Some of the newest changes to camp have been the rebuilding of phone and electric lines throughout camp (2000), the addition of an “internet café,” where scouts have access to email, the installation of *Direct TV* to the dining hall lounges for staff use, and the Yawgoog Heritage Center in Donald North Court.

Of course, there have also been new programs along the way (i.e. the addition of the Challenge Program, Trap Shooting, Kayaking, Mountain Biking, and Challenge Valley) and some aesthetic improvements; but despite all these changes, Paul is proud of the fact that the camp has roughly the same appearance as it did when he camped here. He believes that it is important for Scouts and the staff to enjoy all that Yawgoog has to offer. In the years to come, Paul would most like to see the addition of water input and sewerage drain out from camp.

More than anything else, Paul cherishes the history of camp. During an interview, Paul explained his amazement at how Yawgoog flourished through the years. "For people to have the sight to continue with camp and to keep buying land...is remarkable. The right people have always been there to keep camp on the right path. Not even the Great Fire could stop Yawgoog. Kids come to Yawgoog to learn and to enjoy the camp; but also Yawgoog is a place for the staff to enjoy."

In his free time, Paul is an engineer for the Cog Railway in New Hampshire. The most exciting time for Paul is pre-camp setup. There is always much to be done and there is great anticipation for the upcoming summer. There is also a period of relaxation at the close of camp (when all the summer staff has left and everything is packed away for the winter) when the rangers and those that are still around can enjoy the remaining warm weather. If you are at Yawgoog during these times, you may find Paul enjoying a moment's reprieve by Devil's Slide or Fort Hilton (his favorite locations at camp).



CHAPLAINS

In addition to the Chaplains mentioned in Volumes I and II, Yawgoog has been blessed to have the spiritual guidance of Father Chris Davis (Catholic Chaplain), Reverend Richard Morgan (Protestant Chaplain), and Rabbi Sol Goodman (Jewish Chaplain) for several years. The following list was compiled from staff rosters to sort through the many Chaplains over the years.

Year	Catholic Chaplain
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1975-1976	Father Frederick Halloran Father Paul Grenon
1977	Father John Casey
1978-1981	Father Farrell McLaughlin
1982	Father Ernest Berthelette

Additional assistants to the Catholic Chaplains have included Edward Balasco and Joseph Rosati (1968) and Matthew Hopkins (1972). Father Chris Davis has most recently served as the Catholic Chaplain for a number of years.

Year	Protestant Chaplain
1960-1961	Rev. Larry Huntley
1963	Rev. William Jeffrey
1964	Rev. Jack George
1965	Rev. Charles VanAusdall
1966	Rev. Wesley Green
1967	Rev. Gordon Scruton
1968	Rev. Paul Mitchell Rev. Howard Smith, Jr.
1969	Rev. R. Preston Price
1976	Ed Boucher
1979	Scott Hocking

Though the year(s) of service are not easily recalled, we would be remiss not to mention other Protestant Chaplains that have offered their service at camp: Rev. John Gardner, Rev. Ralph Seguire, Jr., Rev. Edward Swanson, Rev. Robert Decker, Rev. William Bassett, Rev. Herbert Bolles, Rev. Sumner Crabtree, Rev. Thomas Weir, Rev. George McDermott, Rev. Alden Burhoe, Rev. Elliott, Gaufreau, Rev. Robert Ryekman Dunn, Rev. Frederick Phillips, Rev. Kenneth Regan, Rev. Lou Zannini, Rev. John Hillman, Rev. Gary Cogswell, Rev. Richard Morgan.

Year	Chaplain
1965	Stanley Miller (Lay Leader)
1966	James Haft (Lay Leader)
1968	Rabbi L. E. Goldenberg Steven Pearlman (Lay Leader) Harold Dickens (Lay Leader)
1969	Rabbi Mark Jagolinzer
1972	Rabbi Ben Marcus
1976	Ethan Adler
1992-2001	Rabbi Rina Wolfgang
2002-2006	Rabbi Sol Goodman

Year	Episcopal Chaplain
1960	Rev. Lynde E. May IV
1961-1962	Rev. Robert Bettinger
1964-1967	Rev. Magar Bedrosian



DOCTORS / NURSING STAFF

The following list is incomplete, however it comprises a portion of the large medical staff that has manned the Health Lodge over the years. Recently, Dr. Bernard Marzilli and Dr. Stephen Fanning have directed the Medical Staff at camp with help from Dr. Donald Bortle.

Year	Doctors	Nurses	Year	Doctors	Nurses
1960		Jeanie Buckley		Dr. Melvin Hoffman	Elaine Ohlsen
1961		Mrs. Nathan Kiven Mrs. Gerard Forman	1969	Dr. Herbert Constantine Dr. Edward Ianucelli Dr. Albert Anderson Dr. Albert Tetreault Dr. Serafino Gorella Dr. Joseph Chazin	Mary Eugenio Mrs. Lee Krasner
1962	Dr. Melvin Hoffman Dr. George Boyd Dr. Norman Gauvin Dr. John Lathrop Dr. Jay Orson	Mrs. Nathan Kiven	1970	Dr. Melvin Hoffman Dr. Herbert Constantine Dr. Jay Orson Dr. Anthony Fusco Dr. Constantine Gerras Dr. Joseph Chazan Dr. Serafino Gorella	Elaine Ohlsen Mrs. Lee Krasner Mary Eugenio
1963	Dr. Melvin Hoffman Dr. Alfred Toselli Dr. Ralph Hagan Dr. Norman D. Gauvin Dr. Jay Orson	Mrs. Albert Gaudet	1972	Dr. Melvin Hoffman	Maureen Brown Mrs. Lee Krasner
1964	Dr. Melvin Hoffman Dr. Jay Orson Dr. Kenneth Nanian Dr. Kenneth Liffman	Elaine Ohlsen Charlotte Streeter	1974	Dr. Melvin Hoffman Dr. Anthony Fusco Dr. Michael Ingal Dr. Sewell Kahn Dr. Alden Blackman Dr. Herbert Constantine Dr. Constantine Georas Dr. Serafino Garella	Maureen Brown
1965	Dr. Melvin Hoffman Dr. Raymond Riley Dr. George Boyd Dr. Guy Settipane Dr. Norman Gauvin	Elaine Ohlsen Mary Eugenio Laura Kulsic	1975		Maureen Brown
1966	Dr. Melvin Hoffman Dr. Manuel Falcao Dr. Albert Anderson Dr. Mamohan Ranadive Dr. Constantine Georas Dr. Serafino Garella	Elaine Ohlsen Mary Eugenio	1976	Dr. Melvin Hoffman Dr. Anthony Fusco Dr. Peter Himel Dr. Michael Ingall Dr. Joseph DiZoglio Dr. Sewell Kahn Dr. Serafino Gorella	Maureen Brown
1967	Dr. Melvin Hoffman Dr. Serafino Gorella Dr. Albert Anderson Dr. Mamohan Ranadive Dr. Edward Ianucelli Dr. Jay Orson	Mrs. Anthony Trainor Elaine Ohlsen Mary Eugenio	1979	Dr. Melvin Hoffman	Madeleine McNielly
1968	Dr. Melvin Hoffman Dr. Joseph Chazan Dr. Albert Anderson Dr. Jordan Cohen Dr. Constantine Georas Dr. Anthony Fusco Dr. Serafino Gorella	Elaine Ohlsen Mary Eugenio Laura Kulsin			



CAMP DIRECTORS - The men in the front lines that oversee the camp staff and weekly troops.

Year	TP Camp Director	MB Camp Director	SB Camp Director
1960	James Essex	Rod McGarry	Robert Page
1961	Russell Sawyer	Rod McGarry	Robert Page
1962	Albert Gaudet	Norman Camp	Donald Driscoll
1963	Norman Camp	Albert Gaudet	Donald Driscoll
1964	Lawrence Mello	Robert Hamlin	Donald Driscoll
1965	Lawrence Mello	Charles Lawton	Donald Driscoll
1966	Lawrence Mello	Charles Lawton	Donald Driscoll
1967	William Andrews	George Egan	James Essex
1968	William Andrews	George Egan	James Essex
1969	Dr. Robert Krasner	George Egan	James Essex
1970	Dr. Robert Krasner	George Egan	James Essex
1971		George Egan	
1972	Dr. Robert Krasner	Joseph Herbold	James Essex
1973		Joseph Herbold	
1974	Mike Finch	Joseph Herbold	James Essex
1975	Bruce Ingham	Joseph Herbold	James Essex
1976	Bruce Ingham	Joseph Herbold	Sam Jones
1977	Bruce Ingham	Joseph Herbold	Sam Jones
1978	Tom DelPrete	Joseph Herbold	Sam Jones
1979	Tom DelPrete	Mark Hopkins	Sam Jones
1980	Bill Burns	Mark Hopkins	Ray Lamore
1981	Mike Kent		Ray Lamore
1982	Tom DelPrete	Ed Moran	Peter Berthelette
1983	Tom DelPrete	Bob Cotell	Peter Berthelette
1984	Tom DelPrete	Ed Moran	
1985	Tom DelPrete	Ed Moran	Peter Berthelette
1986	Tim Sheldon		Peter Berthelette
1987	Tim Sheldon		Peter Berthelette
1988	Tim Sheldon	Jim Caryl	Peter Berthelette
1989	Tim Sheldon	Jim Caryl	Greg Wichtman
1990	Tim Sheldon		
1991	Tim Sheldon	Geoff Gurney	Matt Sheridan
1992	Rob Berard	Geoff Gurney	Matt Sheridan
1993			Matt Sheridan
1994	Jack Gormley	Geoff Gurney	Vincent DiPippo
1995	Mike McGrath		Ari Lowenstein
1996		Mike McGrath	Kevin Scully
1997		Alan MacDonald	Marc Ryan
1998	Jeffrey Peckham	Mike Brown	Bill Cushman
1999	Jeffrey Peckham	Mike Brown	Peter Connolly
2000	Bill Cushman	Mike Brown	Chris Rooney
2001	Matty V. Smith	Mike Hogan	Chris Rooney
2002	Matty V. Smith	Mike Hogan	Chris Rooney
2003	Matty V. Smith		Phil Olson
2004	Glenn Beeman	Ryan Hall	Phil Olson
2005	Glenn Beeman	Ryan Hall	Phil Olson
2006	Glenn Beeman	Ryan Hall	James Turco



“Captain George Bucklin was born in Brooklyn, NY, February 26, 1843. His father, Thomas P. Bucklin, was a New York merchant. His business was a tea importer, under the firm name of Bucklin & Crane. The firm owned a large number of vessels, some of them the finest clippers that sailed from the port of New York, which included the ships *Comet*, *Intrepid*, *Black Hawk*, and *Celestial*. Some years before the war he retired from business and took up his residence with his family in East Providence, RI. Captain Bucklin, his son, attended the Polytechnic Institute in Brooklyn as a student. He first entered the service of the United States as a private in Company D, Tenth Rhode Island Infantry, May 26, 1862, at the second three months’ call for troops to defend Washington. His company was stationed at Fort De Russey, in the defences of Washington.

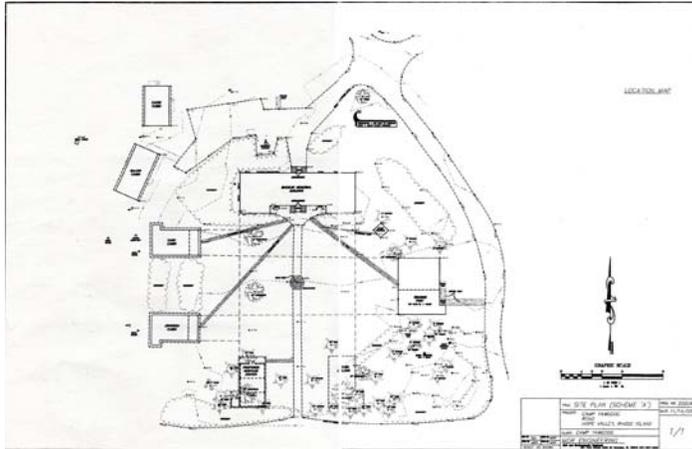
CAPTAIN GEORGE BUCKLIN

Mustered out with his regiment Sept. 1, 1862. He reentered the service as a second lieutenant of Company F, Twelfth Rhode Island Infantry, Oct. 9, 1862; transferred to Company A, March 7, 1863; and transferred to Company H, June 2, 1863. He participated with his regiment in the battle of Fredericksburg. The regiment was in the second general advance on the enemy’s works and suffered severely. Colonel Browne in his official report to General Nagle, spoke in high commendation of the good conduct of his men, and among others he named Lieutenant Bucklin as meriting special mention, and recommended him for promotion, which he afterwards received, being commissioned first lieutenant and transferred to Company C, June 15, 1863. The regiment afterwards went with General Burnside, and served with him in the Kentucky campaign. The regiment was mustered out of service July 29, 1863.

Upon his return to Rhode Island, Lieutenant Bucklin was commissioned captain in the First Brigade, Rhode Island Militia, Sept. 1, 1863, but resigned about September 21st, to accept a captaincy in the Fourteenth Rhode Island Heavy Artillery (Colored). Passed examination as captain at Washington, DC, before General Casey’s Board, and was appointed captain by the President of the United States, in same regiment, and assigned to Company C. He was re-mustered to date November 23, 1863. He was stationed with his battalion at Fort Esperanza, Matagorda Island, from January 3, 1864, until May 19, 1864.

He was removed to Fort Jackson, LA., the Mississippi River, July 3, 1864 and then removed to Brashear City, LA, in May, 1865. Company was detached and placed in command at Fort Buchanan, Bayou Teche, where it was flooded out and returned to Brashear City. Captain Bucklin resigned his commission at the close of the war (Aug. 24, 1865), and returned North. He subsequently bought a cotton plantation in Alachua County, Florida, and resided there for five years...he later became interested in real estate.





He was a member of the Colorado Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Bucklin Post, No. 20, Grand Army of the Republic, of East Providence, R. I., Providence Chess Club, President of the San Antonio Chess Club of San Antonio, Texas. Also a member of the San Antonio Club of the same place, and the Metropolitan Club of Denver, Colorado.”

Captain Bucklin died in Long Beach, CA, in 1918. He was buried in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence, RI (reference number Buck2591) and then later moved to the Newman Cemetery, East Providence, RI. Captain Bucklin was placed in RI Hall of Fame in 1981.



Bucklin is honored by having his name on the large administrative hub building for the Yawgoog Scout Reservation. The original Bucklin Memorial Building was the location of the Three Point Dining Hall. A new building was later erected at its current location on the Donald North Court and this continues to serve as the administration building for the reservation.



The **BUCKLIN MARKSMANSHIP MEDAL** for rifle shooting is awarded to Scouts who shoot 400 points on ten targets shot consecutively, six in the prone position and four in the offhand position; to qualify to shoot for this award you must be a Sharpshooter. A handsome medal is awarded at Dress Parade for those who meet the standard set.

The **BUCKLIN RIFLE AWARD** (rifle and case) is presented to the top marksman of the summer at Yawgoog. The winner shoots the highest score in shooting for the Bucklin Marksmanship Medal.

Yawgoog Staff & Notables ⁷

Many staff men spent several high school and college summers at camp during the 1970's, 80's and 90's (as many still do today). Some, mostly teachers, extended their staff life for eight years or more. A few made camp part of the yearly rhythm of their lives for far longer. These staff men lived up to the fine tradition of leadership at camp, and like their forbearers, were colorful in varying hues. Their names are inscribed on the various staff boards that decorate the staff areas in each dining hall. All did their part to preserve the tradition of Scout Spirit and accomplishment that has been instilled in each new generation of Scouts.

It would be impossible to name all those who have made contributions of time, effort and money through the years. At the same time, we would be negligent to not mention those who have gone above and beyond to ensure that Yawgoog has the best program each summer. Those names include (though certainly not exclusively):

Peter Berthelette, Bill Burns, Joe DeCecco, Rob DelPrete, Tom DelPrete, Harry Dickins, Vincent DiPippo, Donald Driscoll, George Egan, Jim Essex, Mike Finch, John Geddes, Jim Hall, Joe Herbold, Mark "Hoppy" Hopkins, Bruce Ingham, Larry Jette, Sam Jones, Warren Kelley, Jim Lanzi, Mike McDonald, Mike McGrath, Al Mink, Dan O'Grady, Bill Olson, Mike Schwab, Elliot Stone, Mark Thompson, C. Raymond Westcott.

Campmaster Corps & Camp Factors ²

This hard-working group of adult volunteers assists the camp on a year-round basis. On weekends and school holidays, there are three or four of these men in camp to assist the volunteer leaders in program and to help in any emergency.

The Campmaster Corps began in the late 1960's with the help of Joe Herbold. Larry Jette has also given great impetus to this service not only at Yawgoog but all our other Scout Reservations. In 1985, they numbered 69 volunteer campmasters serving 5 Council camps.

The Factors's Club was started by Uncle Brad back in the thirties after he and Art Leidman had canoed Canada's Hudson Bay area living with the Indians and patronizing the Hudson Bay Trading Posts. Upon returning to Yawgoog, Uncle Brad set up the East Cabin as a social gathering place for the camp staff, both provisional and permanent. Here, they could always find a cup of coffee and some good "chit-chat" with an opportunity to be away from their Scouts for a little rest. Al Murray and Warren Kelley also served as all-summer factors. Now, under the guidance of the Campmaster Corps, there is usually a different "factor" each week or two.

"Slade's Gang" ⁵



Paul Slade was a camper, staff man and Scoutmaster. He was also the organizer and leader of Slade's Gang, a dedicated group of volunteers who took on many projects at Yawgoog year-round (most notably the construction of Slade's Bridge to Phillips Island).



Through the years, Slade's Gang has played a tremendous role in creating the physical setting of Yawgoog that we see today.

When it was decided that the “Sanctum,” or “Booby Hatch,” was no longer needed down at the pond’s edge, the Gang cut brush and piled it beside the building. The supports were then cut and the building dropped into the pile. It was then cut into two pieces. (One piece became the new Crafts Center.)

After the Great Forest Fire of 1930, most of the forest and woods at Camp Yawgoog were left blackened and bare. The summer activities shifted from the wood to the water. Among the items added to the waterfront were two 28' Navy Cutters. The Cutters were extremely popular and survived into the late fifties. These boats were extremely heavy and bulky and required a great deal of effort to move in and out of Yawgoog Pond. Paul Slade and the Gang built a marine railway at the site of the present sailing area. Using narrow gauge rails obtained from an old mine in Lantern Hill in Connecticut, they built a railroad track into the pond. The cutters were floated onto small cars and then pulled out of the water.



For many years there was a desire to use Phillips Island as a Program Center, but there was no easy access available. After the disaster of the 1930 Fire, new areas were being looked at to improve the program. Paul Slade came up with the idea to build a 200-foot suspension bridge from the mainland to Phillips Island. There were only limited resources in Camp at that time. All work at the site was done by hand and all materials had to be either brought over by rowboat or carried down the trail. The cement was hauled over by boat and carried to the site of the tower pads. The gravel to mix with the cement was dug from the ground near the site. With a little exploring, today's hiker can still see evidence of the holes left after the gravel was removed. The concrete pads are still intact as well as the anchor pins located well behind each pad. There are still pieces of the tower legs left on the mainland side. Cables and suspenders are still in evidence hanging from the ledge on the mainland side.

Paul was active with Narragansett Council until his death in 1988. He regularly attended the Yawgoog Alumni Reunions and was a member of “The Over The Hill Gang.”



Scout & Camper Population / Demographics ⁸

It was during the mid-70's to early 80's that out-of council attendance really started to take off. There were always a small number of out-of-council troops coming to Yawgoog before then, but look at how the numbers accelerated during this time period (statistics taken from the 1981 and 1990 Annual Camp Reports):

	% of Scouts			
	1978	1979	1980	1981
Long Island	19%	20%	23%	29%
Other	10%	14%	11%	15%
Total Out-of-Council	29%	34%	34%	44%

	1989	1990	Comparison
Narragansett Council	1849	1999	+150
Out of Council	2287	2554	+267
Special Programs			
CIT	54	117	+63
Baden Powell	261	233	-28
Webelos	178	268	+90
Eagle Camp	105	142	+37
Total	4734	5313	+579



International Scouts – Again, an incomplete list from staff rosters over the years.

1954	1 st year that International Scouts came to Yawgoog (France and West Germany)
1963	Steve Charlton (Canada), Cyril Stewart (Panama), Zia-UI-Hamid (Pakistan)
1964	Collin Williams (England), Mehdi Mansourian (Iran)
1965	Alan Tydeman (England)
1967	James Elwood (Ireland)
1968	Derek Boden, Alan Tydeman (leave-of-absence to Philmont) (England) Avner Sheer (Israel), Yasuo "Mike" Okuyama (Japan)
1969	Paul-Axel Fierens (Belgium), Heinz Beck (W. Germany), Aurie Bernstein (Israel), Haruki Uemura (Japan)
1970	Gino Eger (Italy), Bernard Gregory Shaw (Guyana), Laurie Richardson (Jamaica), Takatoshi Hiraide, Keichi Yamazumi (Japan)
1973	Bernard Gregory Shaw (Guyana), Laurie Richardson (Jamaica), Takatoshi Hiraide, Keichi Yamazumi (Japan)
1977	Peter Silberberg (Finland), Izhak Levi, Steve Zatloff (Israel), Tom Folvik (Norway)
1978	Alf Solander (Sweden)
1979	Anders Cosmos Pyndt (Denmark), Danny Kaplan (Israel), Knut Erik Mollestead (Norway)
1981	Paul Cartwright (England)
1982	David-Boya Levy (Israel)
1985	Adrian Sancroft (England)



1963



1967



1968

1999	Larissa Paniagua, Emmanuel Gonzalez (Dominican Republic)
2000	Giselle González, George Castillo (Dominican Republic)
2001	George Castillo, Iván Filpo (Dominican Republic)
2002	Jonathan de Camps, José Luis de Cruz, Dario de Los Santos (Dominican Republic)
2003	Ronny Ventura, Rosmery Rojas, Dario de Los Santos, Jonathan Rojas (Dominican Republic)
2005	Mariela Ceballos Pena & Karina Josefina Ramirez (Dominican Republic) and Khader Diek, Adham Hazboun & Martin Zablah (Palestine)
2006	Joan Alberto Pena and Anel Esther Guzman (Dominican Republic)

Yawgoog Alumni Association (YAA)

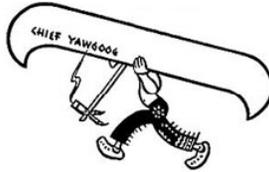
The Yawgoog Alumni Association grew from an expression by many Scouters who love Yawgoog that there should be an organization whose purpose would be to perpetuate the *Spirit of Yawgoog* through continuing friendship and through financial support for improvements and refurbishments (listed in the YAA Projects section below). To this end, the Yawgoog Alumni Association was founded by H. Cushman 'Gus' Anthony and organized in 1981. A Yawgoog Trust Fund was established of which only the interest is expendable. Additional financial donations are given for the support of "special projects."

The Association is directed by an Executive Committee and operated under its own by-laws. All funds are handled by the Council Treasurer and the Council's Executive Committee. Past and present members of the Executive Committee include: its founder H. Cushman "Gus" Anthony (Chairman Emeritus), Stephen F. Dolan, Bruce R. Ingham, Peter J. Berthelette, Michael L. Schwab, Thomas J. Sisson, Judy A. Ferrante, Raymond Lamore, Edwin Bailey, Herbert H. Boden, Jr., Michael E. Brown, William J. Burns, Paul Forbes, Joseph J. Herbold, Mike Hogan, Andrew P. Krueger, James R. Lanzi, Matthew L. Lutynski, Donald Maker, Michael Fallon, Dan Field, Michael McGrath, Jerry Cahee and David E. Preston.

The YAA hosts an annual reunion on the reservation for past and present campers and staffers. They also publish a biannual newsletter, The Belltower that is meant to bring all members up-to-date with the "goings on" at Yawgoog and with Alumni. Funding for the newsletter is generated from proceeds of the Chicken BBQ.

Beginning in 1993, the Alumni Association has proudly provided scholarships to select members of the current Yawgoog summer staff. The recipients are given a monetary award and honorary membership in the Alumni Association (with an invitation to attend the monthly Executive Committee meetings). The following is a list of past scholarship recipients:

1993 Jason Brehm			
1994 Ari Lowenstein Roger Reiss	1997 Cory Greene Peter Raho Andrew Riley Jeffrey Viveiros	2000 John Pecoraro Zachary Kostura Harold "JR" Butler, Jr.	2004 Ernie Rheaume Seth N. Hetu Jeremy Hummel
1995 Patrick Mara Patrick McCue	1998 Christopher Budz Chad Dillon Andrew Grande Matthew Smith	 2001 Jason Paul DiVito Scott Lieberman Paul "PJ" Lague	2005 Thomas L. Frezza Thomas D. Hackett Christopher Matteson
1996 Jason Cyr Alan MacDonald Gregory Munnely	1999 Jonathan Berard Arthur "Bill" Cushman Matthew Lutynski Peter Cournoyer	2002 Jason Paul DiVito Evan Cardullo Zachary Kostura	2006 Spenser A. Davison Andrew R. Lutynski Andrew M. Rees
		2003 Mark N. Schwendlman Lucas Landherr Glenn Beeman	



THE CAMP PROGRAM / OPERATIONS

Changes in Troop Sites

Three Point - Street, Scott and Zuccolo were opened between 1963 and 1964. Donald Dewing and Wells Fargo were added. Frontier was split into Santa Fe and Frontier. The original Musketeer campsite became the Three Point Amphitheater and the new Musketeer site moved to its new location around 1975. The Three Point sports field opened at about the same time.

Medicine Bow - Sequan became Baden Powell.

Sandy Beach - Baden Powell became Neil Armstrong. Paul Siple and Bill Cody no longer exist. Norman Rockwell was added to the tract. John Glenn was added. In 1989, campsite Donald Cady became the first site to be fully accessible to handicapped scouts.

Program Centers

Ashaway

On Sunday, August 23, 1967, Yawgoog unveiled the Schiller Sailing Center Plaque in honor of Second LT Michael S. Schiller, formerly a Yawgoog staff man and Sailing Center Director. He was killed while in training for his country. His old troop, 1 Barrington, started a memorial fund in his honor. Many former staff men and old Scouting friends contributed so that the fleet would have much needed new sails.



Today, the Ashaway Aquatics Center (AAC) is home to the reservation's only sailing and kayaking center. Windsurfing was offered for a short period of time also (a program initiated by Bill Lake and Fritz Benz). Currently, the AAC offers scouts the opportunity to take out one of the three Voyager canoes (which can accommodate approximately 12 individuals). Scouts can borrow fishing rods / reels from the Warren Kelly Fishing Shack located at Ashaway while they work on the fishing merit badge. Weekly canoe races and sailing regattas are held at the AAC.

Campcraft ⁷

Modeled (in part) after the ecologist, environmentalist and naturalist, John Muir, the campcraft program is meant to teach boys the skills needed to survive in the outdoors. The campcraft program was originally centralized at Three Point. Mike Moniz and John Hopkins developed a base at Toad Rock with a strong crew of staff men. The program offered Wilderness Survival and Camping merit badges, assorted hikes, and an array of demonstrations and programs. The base of the program shifted to Sandy Beach.

Challenge “C.O.P.E.” Center ⁷

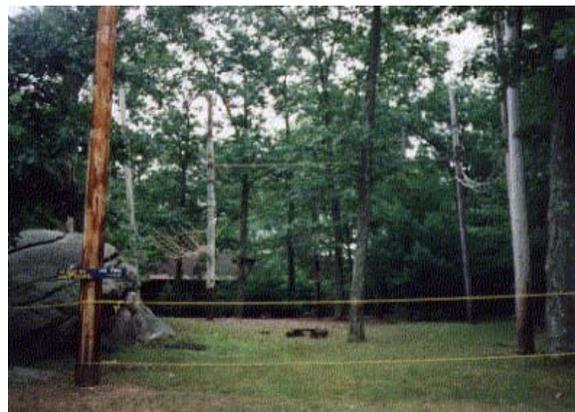
In the late 1970's, Sam Jones and other staff members began to use “initiative games” as part of the leadership training provided boy leaders coming to camp, establishing a site for them in the pines behind Drayton flagpole on Tim O’Neil Field. These games were modeled after those being used in the Alton Jones Campus program run by the University of Rhode Island. They involved groups in mental and physical challenges that required team problem-solving and collaboration – a great way for patrols and troops to test and develop their teamwork. The games were an outgrowth of the Outward Bound program, and had been developed recently into an educational model by an outfit called Project Adventure, based in Massachusetts. After some discussion, it was agreed to develop a new program based on this model. At the same time, a decision was made to centralize the nature program, to make one strong program rather than have three separate programs in each of the camps. Tom Del Prete, then Camp Director of Three Point, jumped at the opportunity to coordinate both efforts. Bill Burns took over the reigns of the Point, assisted by Mike Fallon.



Tom drew up the basic array of activities for both programs, gained some training at Outward Bound in the off-season, and worked with a group of dedicated staff in the summer of 1980 to make it a reality. Both programs quickly became favorites, and grew rapidly.

The Challenge program in 1980 may have been the first of its kind at a Scout camp, incorporating not only initiative games, but also a “low” and “high” ropes course. The programs were organized into team-based (the “Basic” and “Advanced” challenges) and more individually oriented activities (“Adventure I” and “Adventure II”). There was also a leadership program in that first year for older boys who signed up after the Monday retreat ceremony. The leadership program included a broad range of activities and leadership discussions, culminating in a short rappel off Smugglers’ Cliffs. The team challenges included the wooden wall located on the Toad Rock Trail, an “electric fence,” the swinging tires and others with fanciful names. The Adventure I program challenged individual Scouts on the swinging log, among others.

It wasn’t until the fifth week of camp during that first summer, however that the high ropes course program began. Four interconnected elements – an inclined log, a monkey bridge, a balance beam, and a two-lined bridge – slowly took form about twenty feet above the ground in a set of Oak trees just off the Toad Rock Trail at the far edge of the leach field established there in the 1970’s. Challenge Director, Kent Harrop, and Assistant, Bobby Distaolo, together with Tom Del Prete, and with help from Paul Forbes, assistant ranger at the time, used a set of block-and-tackles to hoist the balance beam, which was lashed and then secured with a cable, into place.



When the final exit element was added – a short zip line made of yellow, one-inch thick polypropylene rope stretched across the width of the leach field (Scouts held on to rope handles attached to a sliding thimble) – the high ropes course program was underway.

Many elements were added to the Challenge program in the 1980's before it was reshaped as a National Boy Scout "COPE" (Challenge Outdoor Physical Encounters) program and adapted to National COPE course standards. Karl Rohnke, Director of the Project Adventure Program, advised and assisted, and the able leadership of Mike Moniz, John Hopkins, Jeff Barnes, Lee Holst and others bore fruit.



Thanks to the Special Scouting Division serving Scouts with special needs, and, in particular Gale Follett , the District Executive who worked endlessly on this project, the Handicapped Awareness Trail (HAT) was erected in 1984 behind the East Cabin in memory of Roland Broulliard, who served tirelessly with the handicapped Cubs and Scouts. The purpose of the HAT program was to sensitize other Scouts to the problems that special needs individuals have while functioning in society. Wheelchairs, crutches, blindfolds, braces were all used to experience certain handicaps.

Nature also did her part. Hurricane Gloria roughed up camp in the fall of 1985, and several trees shoring up the high ropes course were damaged. The "Telephone Pioneers," a volunteer group, assisted staff members in putting up telephone poles to which different elements were transferred. The course has since been completely refitted with telephone poles. A climbing wall was added around the summer of 2000. Today the zip line is a slick wire-and-pulley arrangement.

Challenge Valley

Beginning in 2002, Challenge Valley gave boys (young and old) an opportunity to do something that mothers throughout the course of history have frowned upon, "play in the mud." This new obstacle course has its entrance on the Swamp Trail by campsite Frontier and exit between Ashaway and Weemat. Scouts jump waist-deep into mud, climb over a wall and then through a long, plastic tunnel. By the exit, there is a water spigot to rinse off before heading back to the campsite. Scouts must have a valid swimmer's tag and are required to check in and out with the Ashaway staff.



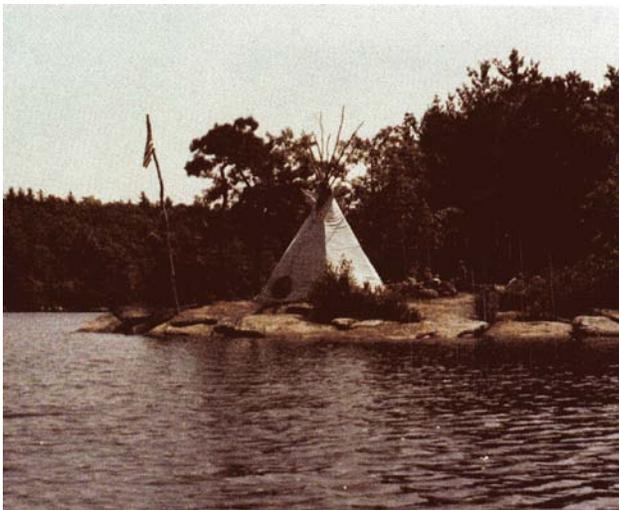
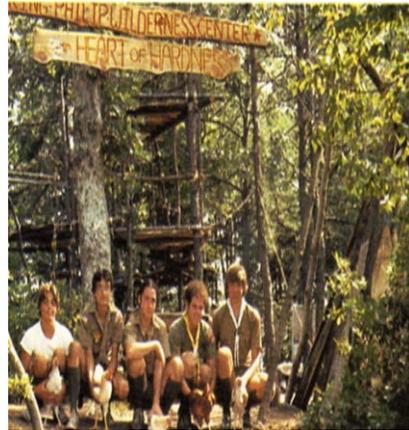
Horizontal Wall

Added to Camp Medicine Bow in 2004, the Horizontal wall gave Scouts a chance to practice climbing skills on this low level course.



King Phillip Wilderness Center (KPWC)⁷

The KPWC was the brainchild of several Medicine Bow staff men in the summer of 1974. Eager to blend their special interests in ecology, wilderness survival and Native American lore into an imaginative adventure program, Mark Hopkins (Crafts Center Director), Kent Harrop (the Nature-Campcraft or Natscoland Director), and Tom Del Prete (Camp Commissioner) proposed a new center on Phillips Island that was launched the following summer. The “King” had a double meaning, referring both to King Philip or Metacomet, the Wampanoag Chief involved in the war with the colonists in the 17th century, and the whimsical “king” who arrived from the Island at the old Palmer Barn to entertain Scouts during the early days of camp.



It was housed at Three Point and flourished under the leadership of Jon Feinstein, Kent Harrop and Roland Deblois. Program offerings included a wilderness survival overnighter, nature acclimatization or awareness, and an Indian overnighter (complete with a sweat bath). The teepee standing prominently on the tip of the island near No Bottom Point attracted flotillas of patrols and troops daily. But if not traveling by water, Scouts could still get there by land. A hand-hauled ferry awaited hikers at Davis Site, traveling the path of the old Sunken Road. Once on a raft, Scouts pulled on a cable (hand over

hand) until they reached the island to begin their guided program. The ferry was parallel to the site of Slade’s Bridge, the well-known Yawgoog engineering feat that linked Davis Site and Phillips Island in the 1930’s.

Nature⁷

A centralized nature program began under the leadership of Bill Newman and Al Fenner, Three Point staffmen studying forestry and wildlife management in college. The program’s base of operations was the old Palmer Barn, at that time located in the woods abutting the north edge of Tim O’Neil Field. The barn was years removed from a meaningful role in camp programs, its high point as the site of the indoor camp circus (“The Grand Old Opry”) reached long ago. It was being used primarily for storage and for small-scale housing – for mice.

But cleaned and shored up with a cable and a discreet 2X4 here and there, the dark-stained barn, with its chestnut beams and mortis and tenon joints, its large wooden doors, and good-sized loft where the challenge course equipment was stored, had a rustic and historical charm. The staff suspended a large wooden board, with Yawgoog map painted on it, from the loft. And enticing displays of local flora and fauna drew Scouts’ attention. But the key message was in the sign that pointed straight out from the Barn towards the pond with the words “Nature Center” painted on it.

Scouts met at the barn, but their hikes and merit badge sessions were out on Yawgoog pond, or at the bog at Long and Ell Pond, or on the way to Grassy Pond, or on various camp trails.



Within a few years, the Palmer Barn began to show its age. Sentimentality gave way to concern for its safety, and it had to be razed (1983). Named in honor of A. Livingston Kelley, The Kelley Nature Center, took its place on the edge of the parade field. The prominent log cabin was outfitted with a solar heating feature that made it a viable meeting place during the cold off-season months. The camp nature program continues to operate from the Kelley Cabin.

Merit Badges that are now offered there include: Astronomy, Environmental Science, Geology, Reptile & Amphibian Study, Forestry, Mammal Study, Nature, Soil & Water Conservation, Fish & Wildlife Management, Oceanography, and Weather.

Programs

Provisional Camps ⁶

(From interview with Larry O'Keefe)

During the 1960's and 1970's Joe Herbold and Larry O'Keefe were key figures in provisional site camping at Yawgoog. Larry began camping at Yawgoog in 1953 with Troop 9 Westerly, RI. At that time they stayed in campsite Cautantowitt in Medicine Bow.

Larry explained how the sixties were the "Hey Day" of the provisional sites (with about 200 campers each week). At that time, there was an effort for each of the three camps (at that time, called Divisions) to have a provisional site. The largest provisional site in the early 70's was Baden Powell (in Sandy Beach). Medicine Bow had campsite Minnikesu (with strong leadership by Jim Hall from 1965-1970) and Three Point had Frontier. The three provisional camps were very competitive with each other. Sports, special events, cookouts, etc. were always a part of the weekly events.

Larry joined the Yawgoog Staff in 1963 as a Roving Scoutmaster for Scouts who came to camp without their troop. Usually there were 10-25 kids under his supervision in the Frontier Campsite in Camp Three Point.

By 1966, the number of stop-overs started to decline and the decision was made to drop one of the three stop-over camps. Camp Frontier was converted to the CIT Corps campsite in 1967 (previously it was in Campsite Street).

Midway through the summer of 1967, it was decided to combine Minnikesu and Baden Powell together into a "super-stopover camp." The name would have to be different, so it was called Lord Baden Powell. One Sunday afternoon, all tents and gear moved to the Baden Powell site, and two circles of tents were formed. The Scouts were separated (younger and older) but the Scouts shared all of the equipment and were supervised by seven staff members. There were so many campers that when the site walked to the dining hall, the first camper in line would just be reaching Metcalf Lodge when the last camper was leaving the Lord Baden Powell Gateway.

In 1968, Minnikesu returned to being a provisional camp and Joe Herbold was the Scoutmaster. Minnikesu remained a provisional site until the mid-1970's when Frontier began to challenge the Sandy Beach and Medicine Bow provisional sites for numbers present. At that time, it was decided to close Minnikesu as a provisional site and the CIT Program moved there (where it now resides).

CIT Corps⁸

Yawgoog initially offered an opportunity to train older Scouts in aiding Scoutmasters when camping in 1953. This program soon evolved into the Apprentice-In-Training (AIT) Program. In 1965, the Counselor-In-Training Corps program began. Fred Schultz was the program's first Scoutmaster. During the mid-70's and 80's Mark Thompson and Mike Kent worked to further develop the program. As Mike Kent mentioned in a letter dated August 10, 1997 to Jim Caryl:

“1978-1980 were very robust years for the CIT Corps with between 300-350 CIT weeks per year. On average, CIT's stayed for one Basic followed by nearly two field weeks. While its primary purpose was to instill the values, skills and attitudes of leadership in young men (whether or not they aspire to be future staffmen), it is also probably the single most important training experience ensuring the high caliber of the Yawgoog staff...The training and values of this program, directed toward boys at such an important age, make it an incredibly important growth experience.”

Mike Kent also described several innovations to the Corps that began around that time:

- Big Brother Program – A CIT is assigned a staff man who volunteers to meet and mentor the CIT during his tenure in the Corps.
- CIT Reunions – Fall and Spring reunions were held at Yawgoog for CIT's from the previous summer. These reunions were a chance to rekindle friendships and continue living the spirit of the Corps.
- CIT T-shirts – Worn with the CIT neckerchief, these shirts became the official uniform during the day for CIT's
- CIT SPL Staff position – a fourth department position was added as a result of the growing popularity of the Corps.
- Big Idea – An inspirational message given by a Field CIT to the group each morning before breakfast.
- Personal Logs – These diaries served as an opportunity for CIT's to personally reflect upon each day's development experiences.

During the final week of camp, the CIT Corps staff chooses the Top 10 CIT's from the entire summer. The Frederick W. Marvel Award is presented to the Top CIT each season for recognition of outstanding leadership. One obligation of the Top 10 and the Marvel Award Recipient is to man the Week 8 Dress Parade (with the Marvel Award winner acting as the Commanding Officer).

Webelos

Prior to a formal Webelos camp, there was a Webelos Day during staff week. The entire staff participated. Fathers brought down their Cubs. It was an all day event with games, waterfront activities, crafts, etc. Around 1974, it was decided that one camp each year would offer Webelos Week as the last week of the summer. The camp chosen would rotate from year to year between Sandy Beach and Medicine Bow. In those days, the sites were available because there were not as many out-of-council troops coming to CY and this would allow Yawgoog to remain open for the full eight weeks. The National Office was not very keen on the Webelos-resident camping program, so they kept a close eye on things. The Webelos weeks converted over to Webelos camp. The chosen site was Sleepy Hollow in Three Point. Later, this moved to Sequan (which was previously a Nature / Scoutcraft center, called NATSCOLAND). 1996 was the last year for Webelos Summer Camping at Yawgoog. The new Feinstein Cub World opened in 1997. That year, Sequan became a troop campsite again.

Operation Friendship (1982)

A reservation-wide activity conducted in each camp from 12:15 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays. Program centers are closed during this activity. Mixed patrols are organized with a staff member as PL. These spontaneously organized patrols eat lunch together with their staff PL and make new friends. They then will participate in a Scoutcraft rally in their camp area. A fine chance to make new friends and to share in a great teamwork experience.

Outpost Camps (From the 1966 Annual Camp Report.)

In 1966, Aquapaug was the only outpost with a full-time Director. It was used several times by troops from Yawgoog going over by bus for over-night camping trips. Conservation projects, canoe trips, advancement and good outpost camping took up most of the time of these troops. Warren Anthony was our Outpost Director. Our charge was \$3.50 per camper and this included the Health and Accident Insurance. Winnisuket and Kelgrant were also open to units with previous experience in outpost camping. Units were under their own leadership. Other sites included Buck Hill, Champlin, and Buxton.

With the closing of Buck Hill in 1977, Sandy Beach opened a new outpost campsite (George Washington) for troops to provide their own raw materials and food.

Guides Course⁶

This program was introduced during the 1960's. This was basically a program where the SPL / Leadership came to camp one week prior to his troop coming to camp. They were introduced to leadership development, skills, and everything an SPL needs to know about Yawgoog in order to best serve their troop when they arrived at camp the following week.

Staff Watch After Taps (“SWAT”)

This program was developed by Phil Tracy and Al Mink as a knee-jerk reaction to a murder that had occurred at a girls camp in Florida. The Reservation was divided into three to four areas with Key Staff and Middle Manager support. Initially, coverage was provided in two shifts throughout the entire night. This program later developed into the current Night Patrol system.

Events

Saturday Swim Carnival

Following the close of program centers on Saturday, troops file down to their respective waterfronts for a bit of fun and friendly competition. There are events for Scouts of all ages (including relay races, canoe races, “Search for Silver” and the Scoutmaster Splash “diving” competition).

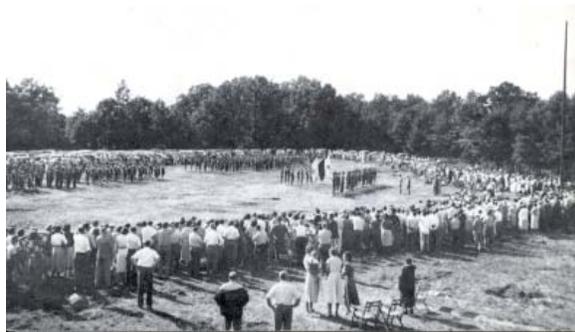
Reunions

Beginning with the inception of the Yawgoog Alumni Association in 1981, there have been Annual Reunions and Chicken BBQs that are held at camp on the last Saturday of each season.

This affair ties in with the Knights of Yawgoog Reunion and the Final All-Camp Saturday Night Show. This is a very special time when Alumni gather, young and old (and very old) from all parts of the USA. to renew friendships and to regenerate that Yawgoog Spirit.

Sunday Routine

Though Sundays are traditionally considered a “Day of Rest,” this certainly is not the case at Yawgoog. While most of the program staff enjoys its (well-earned) day off, Scouts and Scoutmasters prepare for departure after a fun-filled week. Following reveille, troops proceed to religious services and breakfast. After lunch, troops line up along Fred W. Marvel Road for the Sunday Dress Parade. The Sunday Dress Parade was instituted in 1922 by Leslie Fletcher (West Point cadet at the time). The Dress Parade is an opportunity to recognize troops and individuals for their hard work at camp each week. The event culminates a “Pass and Review” whereby troops march past the reservation’s Key Staff as well as family members eager to see their boys after a week at camp. Immediately following the Dress Parade, campers load into their vehicles and journey home. Some troops pile into buses that escort them to the Long Island Ferry.



Sunday Dress Parade circa 1952 ⁵

As one week ends, another begins. The staff return from their day off in the early afternoon and prepare the camp for the next week's incoming troops. This entails any number of tent and bunk moves to accommodate the number of Scouts in each campsite. Each area of camp is policed so that the reservation looks as great during the last week of camp as it did during the first.

Awards / Patches

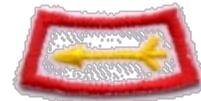
Knights of Yawgoog

The Knights of Yawgoog is the Senior Honor Society of the Yawgoog Scout Reservation. In the early days, the Knights began as light-hearted fun. Soon, however the Knights took on a serious purpose and emerged as an honor society for Senior Leader Recognition in Outstanding Service to Boys. This Senior Honor Society is rooted in over fifty years of Yawgoog tradition. The potato is still used as it was in the early days to dub in new Knights.



Order of the Arrow ⁶

In the 1960's there was an OA Ordeal every Saturday at camp. If you made the OA, you left your troop for the Ordeal the same weekend you were in camp. Brotherhood was held during the 4th and 7th Sundays.



Totin' Chip ⁶

The National Totin' Chip Certification of BSA began at Yawgoog in 1950. After Monday's Dress Parade Ceremony (day one of camp), all SPL's went to the stockade (now the Crafts Center) for mandatory Totin' Chip Instructor course in the axe yard. The SPL's would then instruct all the Scouts in their unit on Totin' Chip before the week's end.



J. Harold Williams Brotherhood Award ²

The J. Harold Williams Brotherhood Award was established by the J. Harold Williams Memorial Fund to perpetuate his belief in the spirit of Scouting and in the ideals of the movement. Scouts are selected weekly from observation of the key camp staff as having practiced these ideals. Recipients of this award are recognized during the Sunday Dress Parade.



Yawgoog Patch and Segments

The Yawgoog patch with its original ten segments was first introduced in 1951. Scouts and Scouters coming to camp receive the round Yawgoog patch with the design of Chief Yawgoog (which is typically worn over the right shirt pocket).



Several awards (known as segments) can then be placed around the Yawgoog patch. Segments are earned for participation in various activities around camp. Some activities include: Hiker of



Yawgoog Trails (for hiking every trail), Yeoman (archery), Rifle and Trap shooting, Mile Swim, Kayaking, Sailing (Skipper segment), Worship, and the various Challenge / COPE center activities among others. There are also segments for the number of years or attendance at camp and for leadership at camp. The CY (Camper of Yawgoog) Award System and attendance ribbons began in 1922.

Camp Fees²

One of the unusual features of Yawgoog's fees is that it has included transportation to and from camp. Camp was eligible for most of its recent years to qualify for surplus foods and the school lunch milk program, all of which saved the camp thousands of dollars. Camperships, gifts of items and gifts of services have helped greatly to keep the costs down.

The camp records are not complete as to what the rates were for every year, but to show the increasing fees, the following may suffice:

1916	\$5
1950s	\$20
1960s	Low to mid \$20
1970s	\$27-50
1981	\$72
1983	\$85
1985	\$94
2004	\$245
2005	\$260 (in council)



The Buildings, Grounds and Projects

Grounds⁶

What we know as the three “camps,” were called “divisions” previous to 1970. It was that year that “Camp Yawgoog” became “Yawgoog Scout Reservation.” Up until then, we had Divisional Commissioners (DC’s) and Assistant DC’s instead of Camp Directors as we know them today.

Land Growth / Christmas Tree Farm

In 1968, the camp secured 216 acres of land (now, Anthony Acres) where the tree farm is now located. Land was cleared for the trees in 1974. In 1977, a batch of tender white spruce seedlings was planted. Nature and Forestry merit badge candidates were frequently seen on the plantation, along with the many deer that enjoyed browsing there. In 1984, Jack Feinerman gave 62.15 additional acres of land that abuts the tree farm on the south.

One of the most important projects of the 1970’s involved the harvesting of Yawgoog’s thick growth of pine trees. Located primarily in Medicine Bow and the Smuggler’s Cliffs area, these trees were the fruits of the labor of Scouts who planted them as a Good Turn for Yawgoog after the great forest fire of May, 1930.

Cabins

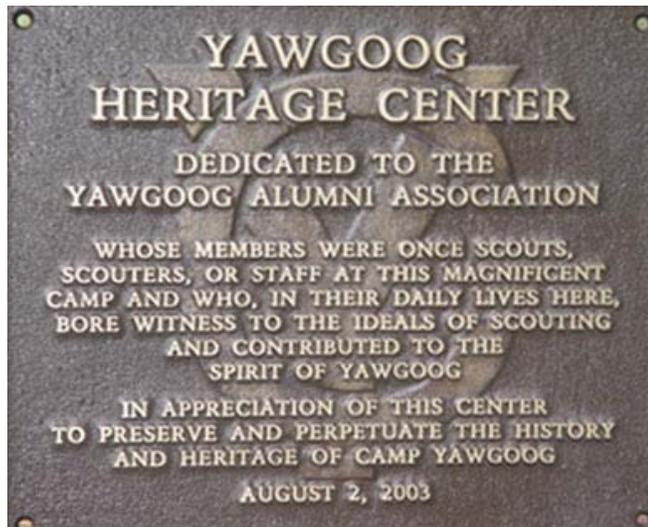
In addition to the growth of the Tree Farm, several cabins were added throughout camp during the 1980’s and early 1990’s. Fuller Cabin was added to Curtis Tract (used primarily during the winter season). The Four Eagles Cabin (located between the Bucklin Memorial Building and the J. Harold Williams Amphitheater) has become the “Parsonage” of the Protestant Chaplain during the summer months. The Galkin Cabin (also located near the Bucklin Memorial Building) can accommodate handicapped Scouts. This cabin was built in 1981 from a gift by Herman S. Galkin. The Lattner Cabin (a gift by Forrest C. Lattner) is the summer home to the Challenge (“C.O.P.E.” Program). In 1984, the Jewish Committee on Scouting erected a new “Temple of Ten Commandments” to replace the original Temple off the Toad Rock Trail. 1984 also brought the complete renovation of the Armington Health Lodge

Yawgoog Heritage Center ⁴

When Gus Anthony founded the Yawgoog Alumni Association, his primary goal was to preserve the heritage and traditions of the camp he loved. One of his dreams was to create a place to show off that history to both new Scouts coming to camp for the first time and for veteran Scouts and Scouters to relive the days of summers past.

With the cooperation of our Scout Executive, Dave Anderson, the addition of the Heritage Center was included in the renovation of the main Trading Post on the Donald North Court. The history of this "adventure land for boys" is now on display in part of the oldest building on the camp property -- the first dining hall ever built at Yawgoog. Being part of the hub of the reservation allows for easy access for parents at Sunday dress parade, as well as for Scouts stopping at the Trading Post during the week.

The Museum occupies the space that was formerly the old Trading Post. A new doorway, built on the Donald North Court side of the building, with an entry porch similar to those on the East and West Cabins, serves as the Heritage Center's main entrance. The existing open-air "picnic area" of the building was closed in to house the new and improved Trading Post to serve both Scouts, Scouters, and visitors. A new porch was added to replace the covered "picnic area."



The Heritage Center was first opened for the 2004 summer camping season and was officially dedicated at the annual Alumni reunion on August 2, 2003. It has been very well received by all and gets lots of visitors throughout the summer. Visitors are treated to displays on Indian Lore, National Jamboree memorabilia, information on Slade's Bridge and countless other treasures specific to Yawgoog. A very popular spot in the Heritage Center is the library area where Scouts can pore through old Boy's Life magazines and other Scouting literature.

Yawgoog Fire Department ⁵

By Paul Forbes [1999]

In May of 1930, Camp Yawgoog suffered the worst disaster in its history. A forest fire which started in nearby Connecticut spread into Yawgoog and burned a large amount of acreage. As there was no Resident Ranger in those days, it is fortunate that there was a small contingent of camp personnel present. They were able to go for additional help and do what they could to protect buildings. There was some limited fire fighting capabilities on the property and it was put into service.

The Yawgoog Fire Department was "officially organized" in 1924. The pride and joy of its originator, Clinton "Inkey" Armstrong, the Yawgoog Fire Department was one of the first in the area. In the mid forties, the Yawgoog Fire Department was chartered with the State of Rhode Island. After eighty-one years of service, the Yawgoog Fire Department was dissolved because of liability insurance concerns.

The Yawgoog Volunteer Fire Department was a great asset to the Camp and surrounding community. In its heyday, which was during the sixties, the Department boasted almost twenty members. Just before it was dissolved, the Department consisted of the four full-time Rangers, as well as a handful of local residents. Along with the title and responsibilities of Reservation Superintendent, (Warden or Ranger in the "old" days) came the position of Fire Chief. There have been only three since the "official" forming of the Fire Department; Inkey Armstrong, Al Gunther and myself.

Inkey Armstrong was the originator of the Yawgoog Fire Department and went on to organize and become the first President of the Hope Valley Fire Department. He was also instrumental in the organizing of the Hope Valley Ambulance Squad. The Hope Valley Fire Department continues to provide services to Camp Yawgoog and the surrounding communities. Continuing the tradition of Community involvement, Justin Lee, our Assistant Reservation Superintendent was recently elected President of the Hope Valley Volunteer Fire Association and serves as a Lieutenant there.



No mention of the Yawgoog Fire Department would be complete without the name Al Gunther coming up. Al was Chief from 1959 to 1995. At the time of his retirement in 1995, Al held the record for the longest tenure of any Fire Chief in the State of Rhode Island. Al was directly responsible for the saving of at least two lives, but he is more often remembered for resuscitating a horse which had been overcome with smoke in a barn fire. People often joked about Al giving the horse mouth to mouth resuscitation to which he always replied, "Yeah but he lived!"

The Yawgoog Fire Department had been involved in many incidents over the years and had come to the aid of many. Now the area is covered by the Hope Valley-Wyoming Fire District, which houses and maintains a fire truck at camp.

While it is unlikely a fire of the magnitude of 1930 will occur again, the Rangers are well trained and equipped to fight wild land fires. This, combined with the help and mutual aid of neighboring departments as well as the Rhode Island Division of Forestry, insures continued protection for our beloved Camp.

Yawgoog Utilities

Water System at Camp

By Paul Forbes (Reservation Superintendent)

Water. We need it at Yawgoog for so many things. Our beautiful Yawgoog Pond provides us with a place for boys to learn to swim, paddle a canoe, row a boat, sail a boat, kayak and catch that record fish. But, perhaps the most important role of Yawgoog Pond is that of providing us with abundant, safe drinking water.

Since Yawgoog opened for its first season in 1916, there has always been a search for ample water. The original Palmer Farm well was used in those early years, but soon proved inadequate. This first dug well can still be seen as you drive past the Trading Post. It is in the lilac bushes on the right, covered with a stone.

By 1918 a new well was drilled to a depth of about 70 feet. A windmill pumped the water into a wooden tank. Gravity did the rest of the work to provide water for use. This well also soon proved inadequate. The remains of this well is still visible along the tree line near the Bucklin and Brown Fountain. A stone covers the old steel well pipe.

In 1926 a reservoir and well were dug down by the pond. This was a dug well and the reservoir measured about sixteen feet in diameter. The well was housed over and a gasoline driven pump was installed. The water was pumped up to the gravity tank and windmill by the Trading Post. The fountain of this well house can still be seen in back of the present pump house. The addition of Rathom Lodge further taxed the water system. A pipe was laid from the reservoir to Rathom Lodge, where another gravity tank was installed. By the end of 1930, the water system was no longer able to meet the needs of a growing camp.

Along with the Bucklin Memorial group, a brand new water system was built in 1931. This system consisted of a large diameter pipe run out into Yawgoog Pond, a new pump house, a 5,000-gallon tank and a chlorinating system. A gasoline driven fire pump was also installed at this time. 6" cast iron hydrant line was run underground through camp. Fire hydrants were installed along this route. When Metcalf Lodge was built, the line was extended to it. The entire camp now had, for the first time in its history, an ample supply of water. By 1953, this system was rapidly reaching its capacity. An addition was put on the pump house and another 5,000-gallon tank and pump were installed. With the exception of routine maintenance, upgrade and repairs, this system remained the same until 1993! In essence, we were drawing raw water out of Yawgoog Pond, chlorinating it, pumping it into two 5,000-gallon tanks and sending it out into camp. It is interesting to note, that the water system continued to meet the needs of a growing Yawgoog without being overtaxed.

1993 saw the end of the old water system. New regulations required that the water from Yawgoog Pond be filtered and treated before drinking. After several failed attempts of developing a suitable drilled well, a new building and treatment plant was built. Yawgoog went from 1930's technology to 1990's technology overnight. Four hundred thousand dollars and countless hours later we have a state of the art filtration system. It requires constant monitoring and licensed operators. Justin Lee and myself are certified by the State to operate the plant and water system. We are required to take courses and go to seminars on a regular basis to keep our certification intact. This, along with regular testing and inspection by the Health Department insure a constant flow of safe drinking water. We have also added several miles of new polyethylene water pipe. All of the old galvanized-steel pipe has been removed. Carefully monitored disinfection of the system takes place each spring. Gone is the rusty taste and discolored water. The Yawgoog water system has come a long way since 1916 and like so many things at Yawgoog it has improved with age.

The next time you look out at Yawgoog Pond, dip a canoe paddle, take a swim, or open the faucet at Camp, remember all that Yawgoog Pond does for us. After our customers, it may very well be Yawgoog's most important resource.

Yawgoog Alumni Association Projects

<p>Project I – 1982/1983 (\$2,300)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment of Donald North Court. • 130 Rhododendrons & Arbor Vitae were planted. • Re-Roofing of the Brown University Drinking Fountain and the T. Dawson Brown Gateway. 	<p>Project II – 1984 (\$4,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment of parts of the J. Harold Williams Amphitheatre. • Two new totem poles carved and painted. • 82 Oaks, Spruce, Arbor Vitae and Rhododendrons were planted. • Financial assistance for PA and lighting. 	<p>Project III - 1985 (\$4,000 + an ongoing project)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorabilia. Twenty-four page, self-standing display rack for memorabilia purchased. Storage area constructed at Scout Center. • Part II of the Yawgoog Story written by Gus Anthony and 1,500 copies printed (including the original Part I). • All dues paying members received this book for free. • Outreach effort for pictures, memorabilia, newspaper clippings related to CY.
<p>Project IV - 1986 (\$4,200 + an ongoing project)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial assistance for Hurricane Gloria damage. • \$1,000 aid towards spraying for gypsy moths. • Restoration of all seats in the amphitheatre. • Restoration of fence and landscaping of flagpole area on Tim O'Neil Field, plus new parade PA system. • Colorful plaques laminated and mounted at Amphitheatre totems. • Finances reserved to seal and preserve the totems. 	<p>H. Cushman Anthony Stockade Project Phase I - 1987/88 (\$52,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most ambitious undertaking of the Association. • Stockade replaced the old Crafts Center with TWO blockhouses and extended fence. Named after Gus Anthony (Chairman Emeritus) and dedicated on July 30, 1988. • Mahogany tablets and signs carved and mounted. 	<p>H. Cushman Anthony Stockade Project Phase II - 1989 (\$30,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Pavilions (activity shelters) constructed. • Stockade stained. • Flagpole installed. • Crafts tables/benches constructed. • Electrical system installed. • Mahogany showcase with watercolor portrait of Gus added.
<p>Diamond Jubilee Project - 1990 (\$24,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diamond Jubilee Photo Book to celebrate Yawgoog's 75th anniversary (\$15,175) • Diamond Jubilee Reunion and spruce up projects (\$8,540) 	<p>J. Harold Williams Amphitheatre Project - 1991 (\$25,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of new fence. • New electrical system. • New lighting system. • New PA system. • Spotlight purchased. • New shrubs added. • Woodchips / Asphalt. • Mahogany signs. • Microphones. • FM intercom headsets purchased. • New quartz outside lighting added. • Landscaping. • Sandy Beach PA system rewired and 4 speakers added. 	<p>Promo-Video/Scaling Tower/PA System Project - 1992 (\$13,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 Minute promotional video. (500 copies distributed) • Scaling tower added to the challenge center. • Two microphones purchased for the Dining hall PA systems. • Crafts Center and Stockade stained. • Bleachers replaced in amphitheatre. • New wall section constructed in amphitheatre. • Landscaping of amphitheatre. Woodchips added. • Stockade sign refurbished. • Additional electrical outlets added to stage area. • 900 Photo books donated to Narragansett Council. • Damage from Hurricane Bob corrected (Crafts Pavilion refurbished). • Four Glass Showcases constructed for each dining hall and main trading post

<p>Project 1993 - (\$15,000 +)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Bell Tower refurbishment including Re-Dedication Plaque • Ashaway Aquatic Center Refurbishment including: • Sail Storage Bin & Drying Rack. • New Fence • Paddle/Helmet Rack. • Windows in Shed • Flagpole Hardware. • Life Jacket Storage Rack • Donald North Court Landscaping • Camp Amphitheatres upgraded - New Seating at MB and TP • Campsite Conservation Plantings (Adopt-a-Campsite) [Ongoing project] • Including Ribbon Award & Certificate • First Alumni Staff Scholarship (\$500) • Distribution of more Yawgoog Promotional Videos • Mahogany Showcase for portrait of J. Harold Williams in Amphitheatre 	<p>Projects 1994 - (\$68,000 + Capital Campaign Cabin Phase I)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add'l filming for Yawgoog Video (\$200). • Editing and distribution of "revised" video (\$800) • Second Alumni Staff Scholarship (two scholarships @\$500 each) • Seeding of J. Harold Williams Amphitheatre Stage Area (\$50) • Phase I of Waterfront Cabin Projects - Fall, 1994 = demolition and excavation of MB Waterfront Cabin. (Estimate @ \$40,000) • (Alumni involvement in Council Capital Campaign) • Adopt-a-campsite - Second Year. (\$200) • Writing and Publication of the New Yawgoog Trails Book • Capital Campaign Fundraising. • Financial Assistance to the Yawgoog Water System Project (\$50,000) • Two Microphones purchased (\$100) 	<p>Project 1995 - (\$42,900 including Phase I of WF Cabin Project)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of the MB Waterfront Cabin Facility (@\$40,000) • Plaques & Dedication • Adopt a Campsite - Third Year (\$200) • Yawgoog Alumni Staff Scholarship (Third Year) [Two @ \$500 each] • Publishing of the New Yawgoog Trails Book. (\$500) • Construction of Sandy Beach Amphitheatre (\$1,000) • Purchase of W/less Microphone & Lights for Amphitheatre (\$200)
<p>Project 1996 - (\$41,100 including Phase II of WF Cabin Project)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of Three Point Water. Cabin Facility (Estimate @ \$35,000) • Plaques and Dedication • Reprinting of Yawgoog Trails Book (\$500) • Adopt a Campsite - fourth year - (\$200) • New Stage Curtains for Sandy Beach Dining Hall (\$3,000) • Duplication of Yawgoog Promotional Video (\$1,000) • Purchase of Amphitheatre Communication Headsets (\$200) • Heritage Museum Lighting & Additional Showcases/Displays (\$200) • Yawgoog Alumni Scholarship (Fourth Year) [Three@ \$500 each] • Design & Reproduction of the New Alumni 5 Color Decal (\$500) • Replacement of Amphitheatre Amplifier (\$800) 	<p>Project 1997 - (\$54,000 including Phase III of WF Project)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of Sandy Beach Water Cabin Facility (Estimate @45,000) • Plaques and Dedication for SBWF • Adopt a Campsite - fifth year - Purchase of Shrubs (\$500) • Yawgoog Alumni Scholarship (Fifth Year) [Four @\$500 each] • New Oval Rug in Memorial Room (\$400) • Indianlore Program Assistance (\$1,000) • Reprinting of Yawgoog Trails Book (\$500) • Heritage Museum Project (\$500) • History of Yawgoog (Volume III) - Ongoing Project • Memorial Room Flag Holders, Photos, Frames refurbishment • New Replacement Rifles for Rifle Range (\$3,000) • New Crafts Benches (\$500); Promotional Videos (\$200) 	<p>Project 1998/1999 - (Estimated at \$204,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reprinting of Yawgoog Trails Book (\$500) • Adopt a Campsite - 6th year - Shrubs between campsites (\$500) • Yawgoog Alumni Scholarship (6th Year) [Four @\$750 each] • Blue Prints & Drawings of the Yawgoog Alumni Heritage Center • Museum Project Continued (Estimated Cost = \$200k) • Museum Storage Containers Purchased • Yawgoog Promotional Video Reproduced (\$500)
<p>Project 1999/2000 (13,500)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt a Campsite 7th year - Shrubs between campsites (\$500) • Yawgoog Alumni Scholarship (7th Year) [Four \$750.00 each] • Heritage Center Project Continued (Planning; Designing) 	<p>Project 2000/2001 (26,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued Heritage Center Planning • Yawgoog Alumni Scholarships (8th Year) [Three \$750.00 each] 	<p>Project 2001/2002 (32,500)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Center Building (\$29,000) • Yawgoog Alumni Scholarships (9th Year) [Three \$750.00 each]

<p>Project 2002/2003 (31,250)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage Center Building (\$29,000) Yawgoog Alumni Scholarships (10th Year) [Three \$750.00 each] 	<p>Project 2003/2004 (148,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage Center Building (\$147,000) Yawgoog Alumni Scholarships (11th Year) [Three \$1,000.00 each] 	<p>Project 2004/2005 (9,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage Center Building (\$8,000) Yawgoog Alumni Scholarships (12th Year) [Three \$1,000.00 each] Purchase of sailboats for Ashaway Aquatics Center
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<p><u>Project 2005/2006 (21,000)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-Creation of the T. Dawson Brown Gateway Totems Yawgoog Alumni Scholarships (13th Year, 3 @ \$1,000) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase of Canoes
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ONGOING PROJECTS OF THE YAWGOOG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

- Maintenance of ALL past projects.
- Adopt - a - Campsite; awards, certificates and ribbons
- Yawgoog Alumni Staff Scholarship (Three @ \$1,000 each)
- Publication of two Newsletters (Spring and Fall) THE BELLTOWER
 - Planning and implementation of Annual Reunion
 - Heritage and memorabilia





The History

❖ 1960-1969

- 1960 – Annual camp show is “Birthday Party” in honor of Golden Jubilee of Scouting
- 1961 – Yawgoog completely refurbished and enlarged with support from the “Golden Jubilee Fund.” Project included work on the Dining Halls, kitchen, beaches, roads, fields, and seven new sites were added.
- 1961 - Totem poles, one honoring Yawgoog’s earlier days, the other, “Chief” Williams was erected. ⁵
- 1961 – “Charlie Brown” outboard motor boat donated. Water skiing was added to the camp’s program. ⁵
- 1962 – “Chief” Williams retires as “Camp Chief;” “Uncle Brad” Field (longtime Director of Medicine Bow), at 80, retires as Camp Factor. ³
- 1963 – Song & Cheer for Campsite Minnikesu was established. It is still used today.
- 1963 – Camp Commissioner services introduced; resident doctors begin service at camp, thanks to Dr. Melvin Hoffman. ³
- 1964 – Patrol method emphasized as “Honor Patrol” pennants were awarded.
- 1965 – Yawgoog celebrates its 50th (Golden Jubilee) camping season.
- 1965 – Counselor-In-Training (CIT) Program in full swing.
- 1966 – “Baden Powell Quality Plus Award” presented to 73 troops. ³
- 1966 – Al Murray’s 38th and final official staff season.
- 1967 – Program aimed at reaching inner city youth begins with 185 non-Scouts attending camp.
- 1968 – Dr. Charles Wilson Brown, retired Head of the Geology Department at Brown University, gave to the camp the rescue boat that now carries his name. Allan W. Halladay, Sr. created the “Peanuts” cartoon artwork on the boats hull with the blessing from Charles Schultz.
- 1968 – “Gus” Anthony retires as Camp Director after 53 years as a camper and staff man; final Saturday Night Show features reminiscences by Gus’ “Model T.” ⁵
- 1969 – “The Big Blow” Hurricane. The entire camp spent the night in the dining halls. Entertainment was provided by the staff. All tents in camp were dropped in preparation of the storm and then set up again the next day.
- 1969 – The entire camp watched man walk on the moon for the first time. Small TV screens were set up in dining halls; some slept in the dining halls to watch all night.



❖ 1970-1979 (WEBELOS / Staff Boards)

- 1970 – “Yawgoog Scout Camps” becomes “Yawgoog Scout Reservation;” the three divisions are called “camps.”³
- 1971 – “Patrol Power” program helps promote patrol methods at camp.
- 1972 – Fr. Ed Micarelli’s 35th and final season as staff man and then Catholic chaplain.³
- 1972 – Campmaster Corps formed.³
- 1973 – First harvesting of white pines planted after 1930 fire.³
- 1974 – Fort Hilton was burned to the ground in February by the Yawgoog Fire Department.
- 1974 – Three Point song and cheer was changed by Camp Director Mike Finch and is still in use today.
- 1975 – KPWC opens on Phillips Island.
- 1975 – New Leach Field in Medicine Bow.
- 1976 – J. Harold Williams Brotherhood Award established in memoriam.
- 1976 – The Nation’s Bicentennial is celebrated with a gala show during Week 2.
- 1976 – Hurricane warning ushers scouts to the dining halls for a “camp-in” late that summer.
- 1977 – Yawgoog’s 250,000th Scout passes through T. Dawson Brown Gateway. Also, first planting of Yawgoog Christmas trees.⁵
- 1978 – New Leach Field in Sandy Beach
- 1979 – International Danish Scout, Anders Cosmus Pyndt, serves second full year on staff.

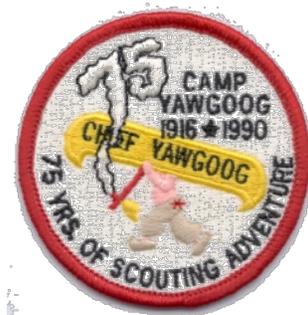
❖ 1980-1989

- 1980 – Challenge Center, featuring initiative games and “ropes course” activities opens.
- 1980 – Nature Program based out of the revitalized old Palmer Barn.
- 1981 – Yawgoog Alumni Association was formed by “Gus” Anthony.
- 1982 – Campcraft Program was centralized in Three Point.
- 1982 – Scouts from different troops form patrols with staff for fun activities in “Operation Friendship.”
- 1983 – Old Palmer Barn is razed. The nature center is given a new, solar-paneled, home.
- 1983-1985 – Gypsy Moth infestations caused damage to hundreds of trees, both broad leaf and deciduous trees were hit. The hardest hit were the oaks and hemlocks.
- 1984 – “Handicapped Awareness Trail” (“HAT”) established; Black Powder shooting and windsurfing are new programs; Health Lodge refurbished by ranger staff.⁵
- 1984 – Temple of the Ten Commandments was relocated from Toad Rock Trail to an area adjacent to Tim O’Neil Field.
- 1984 – Armington Health Lodge was completely rebuilt.
- 1984 – Ashaway saw 3 new sailboats, 2 new sailboards, and 1 new windsurfer land simulator.
- 1984 – The first “Paul W. Slade Award” presented to volunteers who give 100 hours of physical labor for the Camping Programs in Rhode Island. Paul was a staff man and organizer and leader of “Slade’s Gang” that was responsible for much free labor at camp back in the 20’s and 30’s and notable for their building of the “Slade’s Bridge” connecting Phillips Island with the mainland.
- 1985 – On May 8th, Yawgoog opened its gates to Rhode Island Senior Citizens for their enjoyment of off-season days when the camp is not used by the Scouts. 240 showed up and enjoyed this first day.

- 1985 - Mike Moniz, Jeff Barnes, and others, all highly skilled outdoorsmen, with experience in rock climbing and whitewater rafting, helped establish a high adventure program ("Project Quest") that took older Scouts on a ten day journey through the White Mountains in New Hampshire and over the rapids of the Kennebec River in Maine. Scouts met at Yawgoog for an orientation. Tom DelPrete, continued this program the following year with help from Jeff Barnes. Hard to sustain, that second year of the program was its last. ⁷
- 1985 – Hurricane Gloria swept through camp causing \$5,000 in damage to trees, power and phone lines, tent platforms and more.
- 1985 – 246 acres added north of Anthony Acres.
- 1986 – July 26, Scouts and staff rescue balloonists, Rita and Bob Hindle, on pond who were forced down due to fuel problems.
- 1986 – The first Christmas trees were harvested from the Anthony Acres lot.
- 1988 – H. Cushman Anthony Stockade dedicated.
- 1989 – Campsite Donald Cady (which provides accessibility to handicapped Scouts) installed at Sandy Beach. ⁵

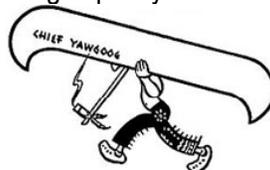
❖ 1990-1999 (Yawgoog goes online with Website)

- 1990 – Yawgoog celebrates its 75th camping season; Aug. 4th is Diamond Jubilee Day.
- 1995 – Medicine Bow waterfront cabin gets a major refurbishment.
- 1995 – Medicine Bow Dining Hall gets a new roof.
- 1996 – Three Point waterfront cabin gets major refurbishment.
- 1996 – Sandy Beach staff office gets expanded to double its size.
- 1996 – Hurricane Bertha sweeps through camp in mid-July
- 1997 – Sandy Beach Waterfront gets rebuilt (keeping its two-story design).
- 1997 – First website dedicated to Yawgoog appears on the Internet.



❖ 2000-2005

- 2000 – New Sandy Beach Leaching Field
- 2000 – Dedication of the new COPE Course
- 2001 – Improvements to Yawgoog phone lines and electrical service
- 2001 – Merger of the Moby Dick and Narragansett Councils
- 2002 – Renovation of the Three Point Kitchen
- 2003 – Renovation of the Medicine Bow Kitchen
- 2003 – Dedication of the Yawgoog Heritage Center
- 2004 – Renovation of the Sandy Beach Kitchen
- 2004 - \$90,000 spent to bring Yawgoog into compliance with the new fire codes for the State of Rhode Island
- 2005 – Construction of the new Warehouse completed
- 2005 – Farm Mechanics Merit Badge introduced
- 2006 & 2007 – First phase of the Yawgoog ISDS completed – converting latrines in Medicine Bow to flush toilets using existing capacity in the Sandy Beach leach field



Closing Message

Through my efforts to compile the information for this 3rd volume of the Yawgoog Story, I have developed a deeper sense of appreciation for the work that has been done and continues to be done in order to keep the gates of Yawgoog open. I find myself equally impressed with the amount of love and dedication that many individuals share for what Yawgoog was, is, and will become. In closing, I think it is appropriate to take a moment to remember the many men and women who have died that have given so much to make Yawgoog what it is today.

Matthew Lutynski

The following letter was addressed to Jim Caryl: ⁹

Be Prepared

I would like to share with all our fellow Yawgoog campers a story of an event that touched me very deeply.

I was the scoutmaster of Troop 8 Cranston in the 70's, and treasure the millions of memories of our Scout family and their weeks at Camp Yawgoog.

On July 1973, Bernie was going for his First Class board, and if he passed, we would dub him in at our Court of Honor on Sunday, our last day of camp. Bernie didn't pass. He just didn't know the requirements for First Class. I told him that if I were to dub him in it would just be a gift, so as not to disappoint his family.

Bernie said no, he understood, and would let me know when he was ready for retesting. He wanted no rank he hadn't earned.

In September, Bernie said he was read, and he was! No other Scout in our troop was ever more prepared as Bernie and he passed with flying colors. He said, "You will never catch me unprepared again." And I never did as Bernie became Eagle Scout on May 1975.

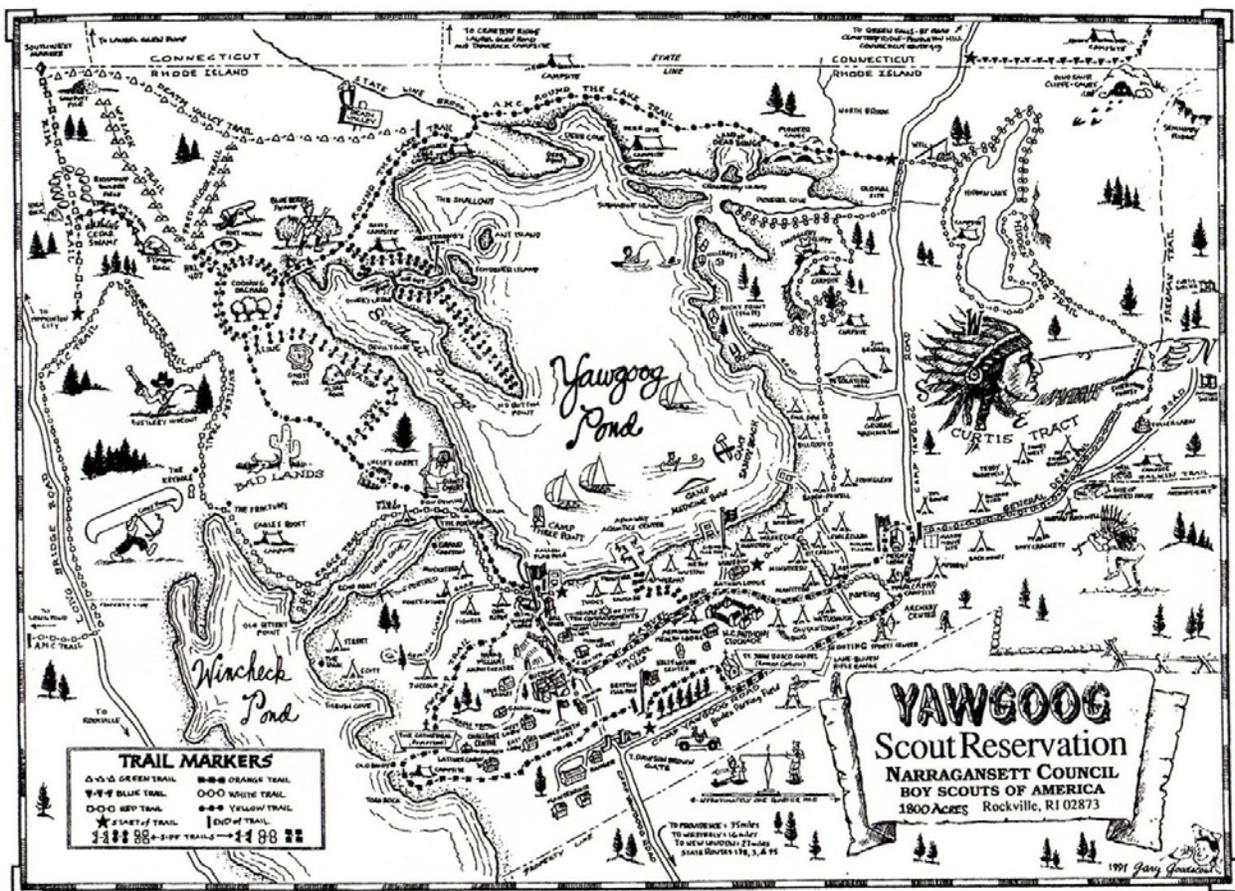
In December 1988, my phone rang, and it was my Assistant Scoutmaster asking me if I had heard the news yet on TV. He told me about a PAN AM flight that had exploded over Scotland, and that our Bernie McLaughlin had been a passenger. I couldn't believe what I was hearing.

After months of reflection, I am convinced that just as Bernie was always prepared for the tests of living life, he was also prepared for the final test of meeting God. God bless you Bern.

Cliff Sjoberg
Scoutmaster

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